



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
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**Question Bank (2016 and 2018)  
Second paper (Elective)  
PSE: SE 22 - Western Political Thought**

**UNITWISE LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS CARRYING 12 MARKS.**

**Unit 1**

Q. State and criticize Plato's theory of communism of property.

Or

Q. Discuss Plato's theory of education in the Republic. (2016)

Q. Explain the main features and curriculum of Plato's system of education

Or

Critically examine Plato's theory of communism of property (2018)

**Unit 2**

Q. Give an account of Aristotle's views on slavery and write four points of criticism thereon.

Or

Q. Summarize Aristotle's view on the nature and origin of the state. (2016)

Q. Discuss Aristotle's views on the nature origin and purpose of the state

Or

Who is a slave according to Aristotle? On what ground does he justify slavery (2018)

### **Unit 3**

Q. Examine Machiavelli's views on politics and ethics

Or

Q. Examine Bodin's theory of sovereignty (2016)

Q. Critically examine Machiavelli's views on ethics and politics

Or

Explain Bodin's theory of sovereignty and point out its weaknesses. (2018)

### **Unit 4**

Q. Critically examine Locke's social contract theory.

Or

Give an account of Rousseau's state of nature (2016)

Q. State and criticize Locke's social contract theory

Or

Rousseau's social contract is Hobbes's Leviathan with its head chopped off. Elucidate (2018)

### **Unit 5**

Q. State Hegel's views on the origin of the nature of state.

Or

Discuss Lenin's theory of imperialism. (2016)

Q. Examine Hegel's views on the origin and nature of state.

Or Examine Lenin's theory of Imperialism (2018)

## **UNITWISE SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS CARRYING 5 MARKS**

### **Unit 1**

- a. Explain any five of the features of the ideal state of Plato (2016)
- b. Give a brief account of Plato's concept of justice (2018)

### **Unit 2**

- a. Write a brief note on the general causes of revolution according to Aristotle (2016)
- b. Explain briefly Aristotle's concept of citizenship (2018)

### **Unit 3**

- a. Make an assessment of Machiavelli's contribution on Political thought (2016)
- b. Why is Machiavelli called the first modern political thinker. Explain with Reason (2018)

### **Unit 4**

- a) Explain briefly the social contract theory of Hobbes (2016)
- b) Explain the main characteristics of general will of Rousseau (2018)

### **Unit 5**

- a. Explain the Marxian concept of materialistic interpretation of history. (2016)
- b. "I found the Hegelian dialectics standing on its head, I put it down on its feet" Marx. Explain (2018)

## **UNITWISE VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS CARRYING 3 MARKS**

### **Unit 1**

- a) What is justice according to Plato. (2016)
- b) Write any three points of criticism against Plato's theory of communism of wives (2018)

### **Unit 2**

- a. What is the distributive justice as propounded by Aristotle (2016)
- b. What is distributive justice according to Aristotle (2018)

### **Unit 3**

- a. Explain briefly Bodin's theory of origin of the state. (2016)
- b. Give a brief explanation of Bodin's theory of the origin of state. (2018)

### **Unit 4**

- a. Give the meaning of general will of Rousseau (2016)
- b. Write a short note on the state of nature as depicted by Hobbes (2018)

### **Unit 5**

- a. What are the three laws of dialectics (2016)
- b. How do economic factor determine the development of human history according to Marx (2018)

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